

ABSTRACT

A breakaway buckle has a keeper attachable to a first strap and a secure attachable to a second laterally disposed strap. The secure has a tongue releasably retained in the keeper by overlapping interlocked locking surfaces on both components. Cam surfaces on the secure and  
5 keeper coact in response to lateral and/or torsional forces exerted on the secure to reduce the area of overlap between the locking surfaces and thereby facilitate separation of the secure from the keeper.